

**Recycling and Refuse Management Committee  
Meeting Notes from 6/12/08**

*No quorum, no official action and no votes taken.*

**Present:** Meg Vickery, Chair; Susan Waite, DPW Liason; Guilford Mooring, Superintendent of Public Works; Marianne Lorenzelli; Sasha Mastroianni ARHS environmental activist; Ken Greason, concerned citizen; Lucy McMurrer.

**Minute Changes**

When we next meet, the minutes from May need to be approved with one change to the date of the Taste of Amherst (from 6/13-15 to 6/19-22).

**Public Question**

Ken Greason asked about the rates for trash disposal at the Transfer Station, saying they were ambiguous. Guilford said beginning Aug. 2008 the rates will be clarified and changed (30 gal. bag = \$3, over two bags = trash will be weighed with rate \$125/ton).

**New Business**

We are probably going to lose another committee member by the fall and we need to recruit more members. Marianne and Susan will work on contacting Cristie Kiley, the UMass student. Bottom line is we need a few more members.

What do we want to focus on for future RRMC projects?

- Mass Recycles Paper Campaign – Clare is interested, as is Marianne. Perhaps we can partner with Cristie Kiley and UMass students? Do something with the Sustainable Energy Fair? Work on PR and public education?
- Alternative uses for the old landfill – Guilford said two members of the RRMC would be welcome on a committee to discuss uses for the landfill. That committee will read all proposals/presentations and then meet with the town manager with recommendations. Meg and Clare would be interested in being on that committee.
- Styrofoam ban – this has been difficult to find in the town regulations. Perhaps we should draft a by-law ourselves? Nuclear-free town by-law could be guide, write up draft, ask town attorney to review, then it could go to Town Meeting either this Oct. or next spring. Meg and Lucy (and Peter Vickery?) expressed interest in this.
- School composting – the schools need to be re-taught each year about composting, esp. with all new principals. Signs and people need to be procured to go into elementary schools to this end.
- Partnership with the town and Amherst College for downtown waste/recycling disposal – Meg will talk to Jim Brassord of Amherst College about this. It was suggested this be shelved due to potential worker issues.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy McMurrer